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NC ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ALCOHOL PERMITS AFTER PATRON IS SHOT AND KILLED IN ASHEVILLE LOCATION

RALEIGH – A shooting death at Paparazzi Bar and Grill over Memorial Day Weekend has resulted in the immediate suspension of alcohol permits held by the business. The NC ABC Commission's suspension order was served Friday, May 29. Paparazzi, located at 8 Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville, has held permits since March 2013.

The shooting occurred inside the business a little after 2 a.m. on Sunday, May 24, according to affidavits from members of the Asheville Police Department who were near the location and responded to the sound of shots being fired. In addition to the shooting fatality, the sworn statements by law enforcement officers outline a history of violence at the location.

The summary suspension is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The action is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which states: "The proceedings shall be promptly commenced and determined."

This is the first summary suspension issued this year by the NC ABC Commission and is part of the Commission's ongoing focus on public health and public safety.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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